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Recognizing the 4,500,000 immigrants helped by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has always been a country of immigrants and was built on the hard work and dedication of generations of those immigrants who have gathered on our shores;

Whereas, over the past 120 years, more than 4,500,000 migrants of all faiths have immigrated to the United States, Israel, and other safe havens around the world through the aid of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (referred to in this resolution as “HIAS”), the oldest international migration and refugee resettlement agency in the United States;

Whereas, since the 1970s, more than 400,000 refugees from more than 50 countries who have fled areas of conflict

and instability, danger and persecution, have resettled in the United States with the high quality assistance of HIAS;

Whereas outstanding individuals such as former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, artist Marc Chagall, Olympic gold-medalist Lenny Krayzelberg, poet and Nobel Laureate Joseph Brodsky, and author and restaurateur George Lang have been assisted by HIAS;

Whereas these immigrants and refugees have been provided with information, counseling, legal assistance, and other services, including outreach programs for the Russian-speaking immigrant community, with the assistance of HIAS; and

Whereas on September 9, 2001, HIAS will celebrate the 120th anniversary of its founding: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the contributions of the
3 4,500,000 immigrants and refugees served by HIAS
4 to the United States and democracies throughout
5 the world in the arts, sciences, government, and in
6 other areas; and

7 (2) requests that the President issue a
8 proclamation—

9 (A) recognizing September 9, 2001, as the
10 120th anniversary of the founding of the He-
11 brew Immigrant Aid Society; and

12 (B) calling on the people of the United
13 States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, ac-

1 tivities, and programs to demonstrate apprecia-
2 tion for the contributions made by the millions
3 of immigrants and refugees served by HIAS.

